



## Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact [support@jstor.org](mailto:support@jstor.org).

should hold its place in the library of the working lawyer for many years to come.

BRIEF UPON THE PLEADINGS IN CIVIL ACTIONS, AT LAW, IN EQUITY AND UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE, BY AUSTIN ABBOTT. SECOND AND ENLARGED EDITION. By The Publishers' Editorial Staff. Two Volumes, pp. XXXIII, 2120. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., 1904.

The first edition appeared in 1891, and having been prepared by the late Austin Abbott it will readily be understood that the work was wisely planned and carefully executed.

The single volume, consisting of about nine hundred pages, and which was one of a series of "Brief Books" treated of Demurrer and Trial upon the Evidence, the two topics being considered together, although by separate statement in different portions of the volume, upon the theory that much repetition would thus be avoided, since the principal questions discussed on demurrer—the sufficiency of the allegations of a pleading to constitute a cause of action or defense, and the jurisdiction of the subject of the action—are also discussed at the trial, and the decision of the court in both cases is governed by the same general principles, except as the application of these principles is modified by the act of the party in going to trial before raising the objection to the pleading.

In preparing the new edition the revisers have wisely retained and followed Mr. Abbott's plan.

As indicated by the title, the work is comprehensive in its scope and is not limited to any one system of procedure, and, although the statements of propositions which are deemed to be established, and the authorities cited in support of such propositions do not always indicate with sufficient clearness whether they are applicable only to pleadings at common law, or in equity, or under the new procedure, or are applicable to pleadings under two or all of the systems, the instances in which any error is likely to arise from this lack of clearness are not numerous.

Some additions have been made to the original sections; new sections have been added covering certain points not treated in the first edition, and a new and important chapter has been added on Amendments of Pleadings. These additions, together with the decisions made since the publication of the first edition have more than doubled the bulk of the work, and made necessary its division into two volumes, one on Demurrer, the other on Issues of Fact.

The work of revision has been well done; treatment of the more important topics, such as demurrer for insufficiency, is exhaustive, and the Table of Contents and Index are full and carefully prepared and will add materially to the usefulness of the edition. On account of such publications as the Century Digest, and others of a somewhat similar character, there is probably not the same necessity for a book of this nature as existed when the first edition appeared. Nevertheless these volumes may be safely commended as a valuable and time-saving aid to the lawyer in the drafting of pleadings and in arriving at a correct decision as to all questions arising on the pleadings whether those questions arise upon the interposition of a demurrer, or during the progress of a trial.